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# Carmine Cob

*Echinopsis backebergii* Also known as: **Backeberg's Echinopsis**, **Lobivia backebergii**

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This description is for **Carmine Cob** (*Echinopsis backebergii*):

*Echinopsis backebergii* is not the most attractive cactus to be found, but its rather ugly features only make its magnificent single flower stand out all the more grandly each summer. Short and round in shape, the carmine cob, as it is also known, is a dull, grey-green colour with ribs featuring white spines. Some of these spines are extremely long, like single hairs growing from a mole. Its trumpet-shaped flower is pink or carmine red – thus the name – with light yellow throats. A lover of hot, dry climates, it is best to grow under glass in pots. Use cactus compost and water regularly in summer, and rarely in winter



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z12-15	<b>Standard category</b> Cacti & succulents Cacti
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.05	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-10	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0	<b>Heat days</b> 150 - 210	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Colours
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Varies	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Garden type</b> Indoor or winter garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner

Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer		<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 10 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed offsets		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Tall		